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To make the 1950 harvest operations successful, the Council of Ministers passed a resolution ordering the Minister of Agriculture and Land Reform, as well as the presidiums of wojewodztwo, powiat, and the village people's councils to conduct in every community discussions on harvesting, threshing, plowing. Discussions are also to cover organization of neighborly aid during harvesting, draft power and harvesting machines, agreements with the SOM (Cooperative Machine Centers) and POM (State Machine Centers), and the supplying of village cooperatives with equipment and materials needed by agricultural producer's cooperatives for the harvest.

The Minister of Agriculture and Land Reform will issue instructions to the farm agencies of the presidiums of the people's councils by 10 June 1950, covering the above matters.

The presidiums of wojewodztwo, powiat, and village people's councils are to work out neighborly aid plans for harvesting and threshing operations, and for fall ploughing and planting in all areas by 25 June 1950.

The presidiums in cooperation with the Peasant Self-Help Cooperative and other organizations, must check on the readiness of harvesting and threshing equipment at State Farms, POM, SOM, agricultural producer's cooperatives, and TOR (Technical Farm Services) workshops by 30 June. They are also bound to mobilize the maximum draft power and equipment for harvesting and threshing. They are to supervise the completion of threshing and winnowing of winter grains by 20 August 1950.

The Ministry of Light Industry is to supply adequate amounts of canvas and twine for binding sheafs to State Farms, POM, SOM, as well as CRS (Central Office of Agricultural Cooperatives) -- for individual farms -- by 15 June 1950. The Ministries of Light Industry, Heavy Industry, and Forestry are to supply the necessary harvesting, threshing, and transportation equipment; spare parts, and necessary supplies for repair work to State Farms, TOR, POM, SOM.

The Ministry of Internal Trade is to guarantee equipment and material such as, scythes, sickles, twine, lubricants, etc., to the village cooperatives by 15 June 1950.

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform and the Ministry of Internal Trade will give the necessary orders and supervision to the SOM so that they can prepare for harvesting and threshing. For this purpose, the SOM will finish the repair of harvesting and threshing equipment by 25 June 1950. By this date they will also provide themselves with motor fuel, lubricants, spare parts, canvas and twine, and such other material as will permit them to carry out harvesting without stoppages. The SOM will enter into agreements with individual farmers and the agricultural producers cooperatives, and will work out individual work plans by 25 June 1950. They will (1) put into operation 10,000 reapers, and 14,000 sheaf binders; (2) establish a daily work norm of 2.5 hectares for the reapers, and 3.5 hectares for the sheaf binders; (3) service an area of 888,000 hectares, with each machine operating on an average of 12 days; (4) put 14,000 threshing machines into operation; and (5) thresh 840,000 tons of grain during a 15-day period. In addition, the SOM will supervise tractor operations, to assure an uninterrupted service.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform will supervise the preparations and the actual harvesting and threshing operations by the State Farms. The State Farms will work out detailed harvesting and threshing plans for each farm unit by 15 June 1950. They will also recruit 33,000 seasonal farm workers by 30 June 1950. They will put into operation 4,550 tractors, 57 combines, 4,400 tractor-drawn sheaf binders, 4,600 horse-drawn sheaf binders, and 5,600 reapers. The average daily norms will be 11 hectares for combines, 7 hectares for tractor-drawn binders, and 4 hectares for horse-drawn binders and reapers. Therefore, the average for the harvest period should total 110 hectares for each combine, 84 hectares for each tractor-drawn binder, 48 hectares for each horse-drawn binder, and 48 hectares for each reaper. The total acreage harvested in this manner should be at least 700,000 hectares.

The State Farms will organize tractor brigades and assign drivers by 15 June 1950. They will put 2,500 threshing machines into operation by 20 August 1950. The average daily norm for a thresher working one shift will be 8 tons. State Farms will operate threshers for two shifts whenever possible. By 20 August 1950, State Farms will finish the threshing of all winter crops, especially choice seeds, and complete the winnowing of grain and grading of seed. They will prepare barns and sheds for storing the harvest in the event of rain, and will prepare and disinfect warehouses by 5 July 1950 to exterminate the grain weevil. During threshing and harvesting special protection will be given to fire prevention.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform together with the presidiums of the people's councils will supervise harvesting and threshing operations in the Agricultural Producers' Cooperatives. With the help of the agronomists of POM, the cooperatives will draw up plans for harvesting and threshing operations providing for the maximum use of their own manpower, draft power, and harvesting and threshing equipment.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform will also supervise POM. POM will draw up agreements and work plans by 25 June 1950. POM will prepare threshing and harvesting equipment, with adequate amounts of fuel and other materials by 25 June 1950. POM will provide 2,200 tractors, 320 reapers, 360 sheaf binders, and 137 threshing units. The reapers and binders will work for 12 days. The machinery is to be distributed among various POM stations in accordance with their contracts with State Farms agricultural producers cooperatives, and groups of individual farmers by 25 June 1950.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform will supervise the repair work of tractors and farm machines by TOR. TOR will repair 3,129 tractors and 883 binders and reapers by 25 June 1950. TOR will finish the repair of 564 threshers, 325 traction engines, and 119 motors by 20 July 1950. TOR will assign 128 traction engine mechanics, 350 foremen and 636 tractor drivers to State Farms by 30 June 1950. It will also supply 54 senior mechanics and workshop managers, 41 foremen and 579 tractor operators to POM by the same date.

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform will carry on a wide propaganda campaign by means of radio, press, and films.

The Service to Poland Organization and older students will take an active part in the 1950 harvest.

Factories will also supply workers in the event of a shortage of workers during harvesting.

Persons or institutions who fail to cooperate in carrying out this resolution will be subject to disciplinary action.

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